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Client Reference No.: P0046US20

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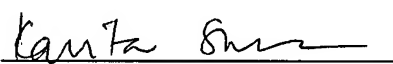
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Post Office Address:	Post Office Address: 7045 Charmant Drive #124, San Diego, California 92122		
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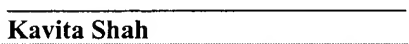
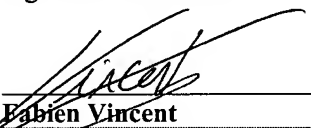
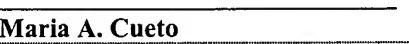
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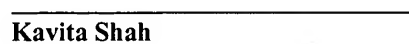
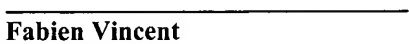

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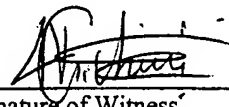
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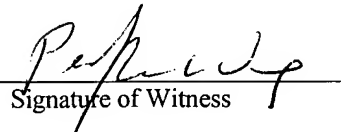
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